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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on January 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 119, 1/25/2017; HB 191, 1/24/2017
Executive Action: SB 135, Do Pass As Amended; SR 11, Tabled

00:00:09 Chair Salomon
00:01:12 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.
00:01:22 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division
00:01:24 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 11

00:01:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SR 11 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey and Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:02:10 Chair Salomon
00:02:12 Sen. Regier
00:02:17 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 135

00:02:28 **Motion:** Sen. McClafferty moved that **SB 135 DO PASS**.
EXHIBIT(eds21a01)

00:03:31 **Motion:** Sen. K. Regier moved that **SB 135 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:03:42 Sen. Regier
00:04:56 Chair Salomon

00:05:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey and Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

Discussion:

00:05:30 Sen. McClafferty

00:05:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 135 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey and Sen. L. Jones voted by proxy.

00:05:45 Chair Salomon

00:06:14 Recess
00:31:25 Reconvened

00:31:38 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 191

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:14 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 191, Provide inflationary increase for ANB funding.

00:32:17 Sen. Facey entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:27 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

00:34:45 Lance Melton, executive director, Montana School Boards Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(eds21a02)

00:39:10 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers

00:39:48 Roger Hagan, Northeast Rural Schools

00:40:31 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

00:41:57 Pat Audet, associate director, School Administrators of Montana

00:43:16 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

00:44:25 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:46:36 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:14 Sen. Facey

00:48:12 Mr. Taylor, OPI

00:48:20 Sen. Facey

00:48:30 Chair Salomon

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Berglee

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:04 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 119, Revise quality educator loan assistance program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:53:31 Lance Melton, executive director, Montana School Boards Association

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00:55:30 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
00:59:02 Marco Ferro, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers
01:00:28 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition
01:01:59 Pat Audet, associate director, School Administrators of Montana
01:03:44 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:04:27 Ron Muffick, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:53 Sen. McClafferty
01:06:57 Rep. Berglee
01:07:45 Chair Salomon
01:08:11 Rep. Berglee
01:08:19 Sen. Facey
01:09:02 Mr. Muffick, OCHE
01:09:42 Chair Salomon
01:10:04 Mr. Muffick
01:10:17 Chair Salomon
01:12:08 Rep. Berglee
01:12:32 Sen. Facey
01:13:19 Chair Salomon
01:13:40 Rep. Berglee
01:14:20 Mr. Muffick
01:15:01 Chair Salomon
01:15:08 Mr. Muffick
01:15:13 Sen. Regier
01:16:20 Rep. Berglee
01:16:30 Sen. McClafferty
01:16:52 Mr. Parman, MREA
01:17:48 Sen. Facey
01:18:38 Mr. Muffick

Closing by Sponsor:

01:18:59 Rep. Berglee
01:19:43 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:25 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([eds21aad.pdf](#))